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Maine Labor Market Areas Are Redefined

Every ten years, in conjunction with the decennial Census, The U.S. Office of Management and Budget redefines the nation's metropolitan areas based on commuting patterns and population density. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, directs the redefinition of nonmetropolitan labor market areas in every state. The nonmetropolitan labor market areas are redefined primarily based on commuting patterns from the 1990 Census.

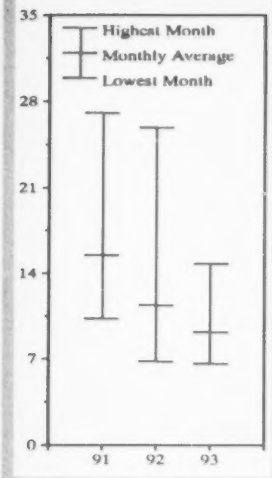
The metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas (LMAs) in Maine were redefined, with the number of LMAs increasing from 31 to 35. In the process of redefining the LMAs, seven LMAs were added, three LMAs were deleted, and most of the remaining LMAs had minor civil divisions added or deleted. The new LMAs are Bucksport, Calais, Dexter-Pittsfield, Jonesport-Milbridge, Machias-Eastport, Outer Bangor, and Van Buren. The deleted LMAs are Central Penobscot, Livermore Falls, and Southwest Penobscot.

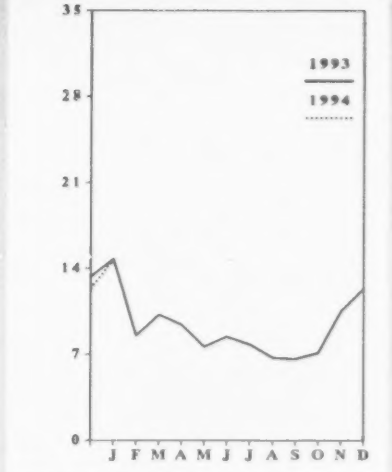
The Division of Economic Analysis and Research develops civilian labor force estimates (employment, unemployment, and unemployment rate) for all LMAs, counties, and minor civil divisions in Maine. Labor force estimates for the redefined LMAs will be published monthly commencing with estimates for January 1994. Historical labor force estimates based on the redefined LMAs will be available by month for January 1990 through December 1993.

Located on page two are the names and phone numbers of the District Managers for Labor Market Information and the labor market areas and counties for which they are responsible. Please call the appropriate District Manager if you have a question concerning what labor market area a town is in, or need local labor market information. For questions concerning the metholdology of defining LMAs, please contact Roger Carpentter at 207-287-2271.

by Dana Evans
State Labor Economist

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands





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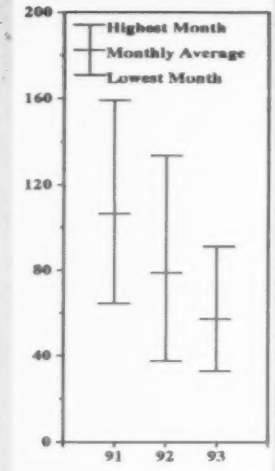


District Managers for Labor Market Information

Eva Smith, District Manager — Southern District, Portland - 822-0216

Portland MSA
Sebago Lakes Region LMA
Sanford LMA
Kittery-York LMA

Cumberland County
York County

Alan Cox, District Manager — Central District, Augusta - 624-5190

Augusta LMA
Waterville LMA
Skowhegan LMA
Dover-Foxcroft LMA
Greenville LMA

Kennebec County
Somerset County
Piscataquis County

Ken Bridges, District Manager — Coastal District, Augusta - 287-2271

Boothbay Harbor LMA
Rockland LMA
Belfast LMA
Jonesport-Milbridge LMA
Machias-Eastport LMA
Calais LMA

Lincoln County
Knox County
Waldo County
Washington County

Gerard Dennison, District Manager — Western District, Lewiston - 783-5314

Lewiston-Auburn MSA
Bath-Brunswick LMA
Norway-Paris LMA
Rumford LMA
Farmington LMA

Androscoggin County
Franklin County
Oxford County
Sagadahoc County

Craig Holland, District Manager — North/East District, Bangor - 941-3076

Bangor MSA
Outer Bangor LMA
Dexter-Pittsfield LMA
Lincoln-Howland LMA
Millinocket-E. Millinocket LMA
Bucksport LMA
Stonington LMA
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor LMA

Fort Kent LMA
Madawaska LMA
Van Buren LMA
Presque Isle-Caribou LMA
Houlton LMA
Patten-Island Falls LMA

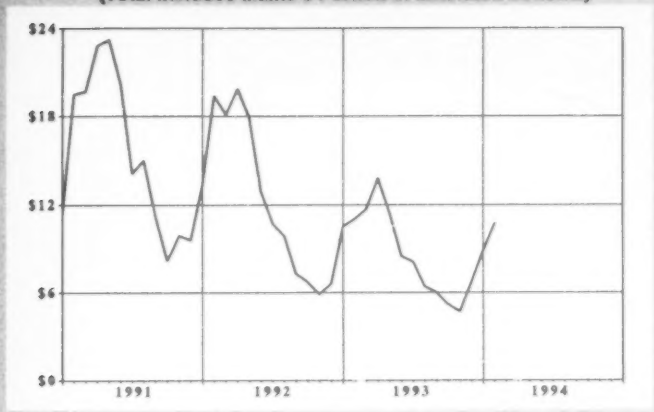
Aroostook County
Penobscot County
Hancock County

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$482.10	$488.64	$459.20	41.1	41.8	40.0	$11.73	$11.69	$11.48	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	484.30	483.53	450.64	40.8	41.9	40.2	11.87	11.54	11.21	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	388.82	3870.95	376.99	40.8	40.1	40.8	9.53	9.50	9.24	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	478.34	524.40	468.86	42.9	45.6	44.4	11.15	11.50	10.56	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	586.72	587.86	528.03	43.3	44.3	40.4	13.55	13.27	13.07	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	419.45	444.35	393.90	40.1	42.4	39.0	10.46	10.48	10.10	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	628.00	607.13	571.13	40.0	41.9	39.8	15.70	14.49	14.35	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	364.00	365.86	323.94	40.4	41.2	38.2	9.01	8.88	8.48	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	479.91	492.48	466.83	41.3	41.7	39.9	11.62	11.81	11.70	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	346.20	338.98	342.06	36.1	35.2	37.1	9.59	9.63	9.22	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	421.82	421.74	383.11	45.9	45.3	40.8	9.19	9.31	9.39	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	285.43	282.60	253.23	36.5	36.0	30.4	7.82	7.85	8.33	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	718.59	752.68	705.43	44.8	45.7	44.2	16.04	16.47	15.96	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	326.09	318.70	303.11	39.1	39.2	37.7	8.34	8.13	8.04	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	413.03	428.86	395.52	39.6	41.0	38.4	10.43	10.46	10.30	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	421.68	429.95	400.40	38.3	39.7	38.5	11.01	10.83	10.40	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	413.97	433.16	379.71	41.9	43.1	38.2	9.88	10.05	9.94	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	285.1	286.6	286.4
Unemployment	27.9	15.9	21.1
(Percent)	9.8%	5.6%	7.4%
Resident Employed	257.2	270.7	265.2

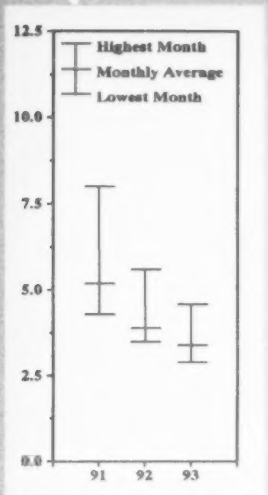
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

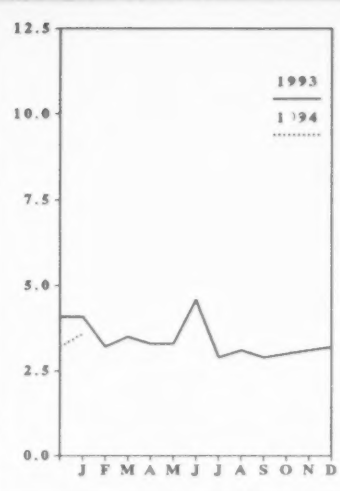
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	146.2	145.8	142.6	145.8

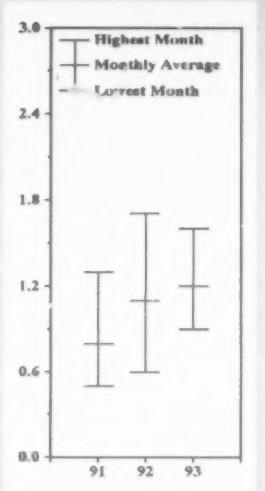
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

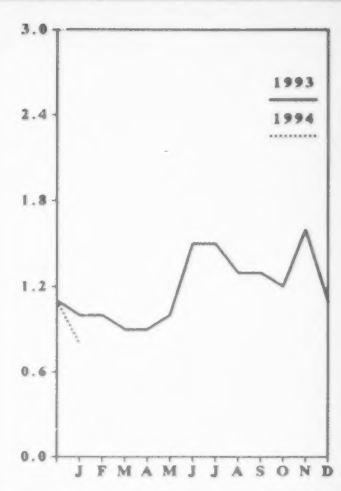
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	508.0	525.5	493.5	123.9	129.2	119.9	39.0	41.2	38.2
Goods Producing	110.7	114.0	107.5	18.1	18.3	18.5	9.6	9.8	9.4
Construction and Mining	19.4	21.5	17.9	5.0	5.3	5.0	1.4	1.6	1.4
Building Construction	4.7	5.2	4.6	1.1	1.3	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	11.4	12.3	9.9	3.4	3.5	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.3	92.5	89.6	13.1	13.0	13.5	8.2	8.2	8.0
Durable Goods	40.9	41.4	40.6	5.7	5.4	5.9	2.2	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.1	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.1	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.7	6.7	6.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.1	12.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.7	4.1	3.8	2.5	2.3	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.4	51.1	49.0	7.4	7.6	7.6	6.0	6.0	5.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.6	6.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.7	4.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.9	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.8	16.0	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	9.9	9.9	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.4	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.3	4.3	4.1
Service Producing	397.3	411.5	386.0	105.8	110.9	101.4	29.4	31.4	28.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.8	21.2	5.7	5.9	5.9	1.4	1.5	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.4	22.5	8.8	8.8	8.5	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	102.5	109.4	97.7	28.8	31.8	27.6	8.4	9.6	8.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	12.3	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	18.2	18.7	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	28.8	30.8	27.6	7.9	8.2	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.7	25.8	24.9	12.1	12.1	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	132.3	134.5	123.9	33.9	34.8	32.1	11.0	11.5	10.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.5	8.0	5.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.7	14.0	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.4	49.4	48.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.1	16.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	24.9	27.5	26.2	4.3	5.0	4.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	52.5	54.0	53.0	10.2	10.5	9.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	618.4	615.2	629.1	550.4	567.6	573.1	68.0	47.6	55.9	11.0	7.7	8.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,000	47,900	48,800	44,900	45,000	45,500	4,100	2,900	3,300	8.4	6.1	6.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,500	50,700	50,900	45,100	47,000	46,100	5,400	3,700	4,800	10.8	7.3	9.4
Portland MSA	119,600	120,400	120,800	110,400	114,000	113,100	9,200	6,400	7,700	7.7	5.4	6.3
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,210	42,990	44,770	38,670	39,900	41,090	4,540	3,090	3,680	10.5	7.2	8.2
Bath-Brunswick	32,950	33,400	34,300	30,250	31,590	31,830	2,700	1,810	2,460	8.2	5.4	7.2
Belfast	11,750	11,570	11,610	9,930	10,380	10,270	1,820	1,190	1,340	15.5	10.3	11.6
Biddeford	31,520	31,780	32,880	27,790	29,200	29,620	3,720	2,580	3,260	11.8	8.1	9.9
Boothbay Harbor	7,250	7,280	7,510	6,490	6,720	6,780	750	550	730	10.4	7.6	9.7
Bucksport	5,020	4,770	5,050	4,360	4,350	4,600	650	420	450	13.0	8.7	8.9
Calais	5,340	5,370	5,490	4,380	4,610	4,740	960	760	760	18.0	14.1	13.7
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,680	12,570	12,780	10,670	11,210	11,120	2,010	1,370	1,660	15.8	10.9	13.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,150	6,910	7,400	6,290	6,330	6,630	860	580	760	12.1	8.4	10.3
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	16,380	16,280	16,140	13,290	14,290	13,980	3,100	2,000	2,160	18.9	12.3	13.4
Farmington	18,600	18,090	18,470	16,670	16,570	16,850	1,940	1,520	1,620	10.4	8.4	8.8
Fort Kent	3,750	3,810	4,010	3,200	3,350	3,470	550	450	540	14.6	11.9	13.4
Greenville	1,100	1,040	1,030	900	890	880	200	150	150	18.3	14.4	14.3
Houlton	6,340	6,330	6,510	5,540	5,780	5,910	800	550	600	12.6	8.7	9.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,510	3,900	3,500	2,770	3,460	2,930	740	440	570	21.0	11.3	16.4
Kittery-York	18,260	18,550	19,110	17,110	17,770	18,140	1,150	780	980	6.3	4.2	5.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,810	5,440	5,950	5,090	4,960	5,460	720	480	490	12.4	8.9	8.2
Machias-Eastport	6,420	6,750	6,390	5,310	5,860	5,590	1,110	890	800	17.2	13.2	12.5
Madawaska	4,100	3,920	4,230	3,480	3,540	3,730	620	390	500	15.2	9.9	11.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,680	5,490	5,890	4,930	4,960	5,350	750	530	540	13.2	9.6	9.2
Norway-Paris	10,290	10,110	10,550	8,890	9,110	9,230	1,410	1,000	1,320	13.7	9.9	12.5
Outer Bangor	7,460	7,260	7,250	6,330	6,530	6,450	1,130	720	800	15.2	10.0	11.1
Patten-Island Falls	1,960	1,940	1,920	1,720	1,770	1,730	240	170	190	12.4	8.8	9.7
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,310	21,220	22,170	17,910	18,640	19,440	3,400	2,570	2,730	15.9	12.1	12.3
Rockland	19,960	20,000	20,520	18,050	18,740	18,850	1,910	1,260	1,670	9.6	6.3	8.1
Rumford	11,440	10,780	11,570	10,200	9,780	10,460	1,240	990	1,110	10.9	9.2	9.6
Sanford	21,810	20,600	21,420	19,200	18,790	19,310	2,620	1,810	2,120	12.0	8.8	9.9
Sebago Lakes Region	12,290	12,050	12,530	10,890	11,130	11,400	1,400	920	1,130	11.4	7.6	9.0
Skowhegan	15,640	15,530	15,980	13,370	13,780	14,110	2,260	1,750	1,870	14.5	11.6	11.7
Stonington	4,540	4,900	4,680	4,020	4,580	4,170	520	310	500	11.4	6.4	10.8
Van Buren	1,540	1,490	1,560	1,250	1,280	1,310	290	220	250	18.7	14.5	15.9
Waterville	24,250	24,060	25,480	21,130	21,770	22,990	3,120	2,290	2,490	12.9	9.5	9.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vermont	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	129,393	128,401	126,034	119,901	120,636	116,123	9,492	7,764	9,911	7.3	6.0	7.9

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	17,570	12,960	17,405	2,487	1,860	2,422	1,383	925	1,409

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993												1994
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Civilian Labor Force 1/	639.5	636.9	635.2	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0
Resident Employment	591.9	589.4	587.4	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6
Unemployment	47.6	47.5	47.8	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4
Percent of Labor Force	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	511.6	514.3	515.8	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	518.0
Construction	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.4
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.5	40.4	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	49.9	50.1	50.2	50.8	50.9	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.8	21.9	22.0	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.5
Wholesale Trade	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.6
Retail Trade	105.9	105.6	105.2	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.1	25.1	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9
Services	130.1	130.8	132.0	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	136.0
Government	95.7	95.8	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.0

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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